

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 11, 15, 17, 20, 21 and 23 are in this case. Claims 15, 17, 21 and 23 have been rejected under § 102(b). Claims 10, 11 and 20 have been allowed. Claims 15, 17, 21 and 23 have been canceled.

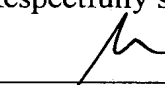
§ 102(b) Rejections – Crane, Jr. et al. '086

The Examiner has rejected claims 15, 17, 21 and 23 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crane, Jr. et al., US Patent No. 6,097,086. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 15, 17, 21 and 23 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner's rejection of these claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 20, and hence dependent claims 10 and 11 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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